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"Ed helped lift the city out of its darkest days and set it on course for an incredible comeback."
MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

# Koch's legacy as big as the city he loved

## Former President Clinton, Mayor Bloomberg to speak at public funeral service as many famous News Yorkers remember Hiz Honor A look back at one of New York's irascible mayors

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former President Bill Clinton are among the dignitaries who will speak today at Ed Koch's funeral, according to Koch's press secretary George Arzt.

Arzt confirmed to Metro that other speakers will include Ido Aharoni, Israel's consul general in New York, and Diane Coffey, Koch's former chief of staff.

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El on the corner of E. 65th Street and Fifth Avenue. It's open to the public on a first come, first serve basis. Seating will be limited, Arzt said.

Koch's family will then sit Shiva tomorrow at Gracie Mansion. That event is closed to outsiders.

Jesse Greenspan
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### New Yorkers remember former mayor Ed Koch

Local politicians mourned former mayor Ed Koch who passed away on Friday. Gov. Andrew Cuomo called him "one of our most admired public leaders."

"No New Yorker has — or likely ever will — voice their love for New York City in such a passionate and outspoken manner than Ed Koch," Cuomo said. "New York City would not be the place it is today without Ed Koch's leadership over three terms at City Hall."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called him a champion for the city.

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Koch

"Ed helped lift the city out of its darkest days and set it on course for an incredible comeback," Bloomberg said. "We will miss him dearly, but his good works — and his wit and wisdom — will forever be a part of the city he loved so much."

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance remembered Koch as someone with "wise advice" who helped reform the criminal justice system.

"Every New Yorker has the right to walk the streets of our city without fear, and all New Yorkers deserve equal access to justice," Vance said. "We'd be far, far further from these goals today if not for Mayor Ed Koch's foresight and vision and courage."

Others remembered him as a legendary New Yorker, the man Bloomberg called "an irrepressible icon."

"He was a quintessential New Yorker, a clever man and politician and possessed the chutzpah that truly made him one of the best mayors in this city's history," Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce President Carlo Scissura said. METRO/ALISON BOWEN

### Life and times

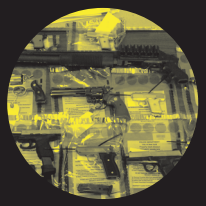
- **1924:** Born on Dec. 12 in the Crotona Park East section of the Bronx.
- **1943:** Drafted into the U.S. Army. He fought in World War II as an infantryman.
- **1948:** Receives a law degree from NYU.
- **1966:** Elected to the city council from Greenwich Village.
- **1968:** Wins election to the U.S. Congress. Later re-elected three more times.
- **1978:** Elected mayor after besting Mario Cuomo in both the primary and general election.
- **1981:** Becomes the first mayor in city history to receive both the Democratic and Republican nominations, and wins a second term with 75 percent of the vote.
- **1985:** Wins a third term with 78 percent of the vote.
- **1989:** Runs for a fourth term, but loses in the Democratic primary to David Dinkins.
- **1997:** Lands a job as the judge on the TV show, "The People's Court."
- **2008:** Authors the last of his 17 books.
- **2013:** Dies on Feb. 1 at age 88.

### In the news

## Bronx boy thrown off roof by neighbor

A teenager was charged with attempted murder Saturday, Feb. 2, after he allegedly threw a 9-year-old boy off the roof of their five-story Bronx building. Cops discovered the victim, identified as Freddy Martin, lying on the street. He remains in critical condition, the NYPD said yesterday. Police arrested Casmine Aska, 17, who lives in the same building. METRO/JG

### In the news



## Gun buyback in DUMBO nets 113 firearms

A total of 113 guns were surrendered Saturday during an NYPD buyback, including 56 revolvers, 34 semi-automatic pistols and an M1 assault rifle. The event, which took place at a DUMBO church, provided a $200 bank card to anyone returning a handgun and a $20 card to anyone who handed in a rifle. Police have bought 8,100 firearms since the program's start. METRO/JG

### News in brief

## SI woman murdered in Turkey

An American tourist whose body was found in the ruins of Istanbul's old city wall was murdered by a blow to the head, the city's police chief was quoted as saying on Sunday.

The husband of Sarai Sierra, 33, from Staten Island, identified her body late on Saturday at an Istanbul morgue, state broadcaster TRT reported. She had been travelling alone when she was reported missing on Jan. 21.

"It's certain she was killed by a blow to the head," police chief Huseyin Capkin was quoted as saying by CNN Turk television.

Police are investigating the possibility that Sierra was killed elsewhere and her body moved to Sarayburnu, the area where she was found. Officers are questioning 11 people, media reports said.

U.S. Congressman Michael Grimm, a Republican from Staten Island, offered his condolences to Sierra's family and friends on Sunday, saying her death was "truly a heartbreaking tragedy."

He added: "I urge Turkish officials to move quickly to identify whomever is responsible for her tragic death and ensure that any guilty parties are punished to the fullest extent of the law." REUTERS/METRO

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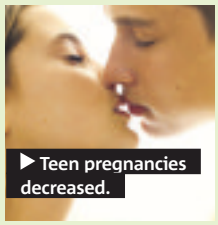

▶ Teen pregnancies decreased.

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### City's teens having less sex, babies

The city's teen pregnancy rate plummeted 27 percent over the span of a decade, according to figures released Sunday by the New York City Health Department.

Officials attributed the decline in part to reduced sexual activity. The proportion of students in public high schools who said they had lost their virginity dropped from 50.9 percent in 2001 to 37.8 percent in 2010, the figures show.

Sexually active teens, meanwhile, appear to be using more birth control.

JESSE GREENSPAN

# Doctor works to rebuild his cancer research after Sandy

- Hurricane wrecked years of study at hospital
- Flooded the facility, closed the lab for a month

Hurricane Sandy floodwaters damaged years of cancer research for one local doctor.

The leukemia research at New York University's Langone Medical Center was wrecked by the October hurricane.

But the challenge was not over. After the storm cleared, officials found that the hospital faced ruined surgical equipment, flooded rooms and crippled research projects.

Dr. Iannis Aifantis said his lab lost as much as six years of work in the storm.

Dr. Aifantis studies leukemia, particularly among children. As part of his research, he had about 1,000 cages of mice that they were using to study the cancer.

GABRIELLE'S ANGEL FOUNDATION

▶ Dr. Iannis Aifantis

"Unfortunately, we lost all our mice," he said.

The lab was also closed for a month.

"Not only did I wake up and hear I lost everything, but I couldn't even come to the lab," he said.

The Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer research recently donated $50,000 to help the lab rebuild. The funding will restore the mice collection, which is integral to studying the cancer because the animals have genes needed to study leukemia.

He hopes in a year the research will return to where it was previously.

"Slowly, we are rebuilding," he said.

**"Not only did I wake up and hear I lost everything, but I couldn't even come to the lab."**
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## Astoria man killed from gunshot to chest

**ASTORIA** A 27-year-old man died Saturday night after being shot in the chest outside the Queensbridge public housing complex in Astoria.

Francisco Leal, 27, was shot in the chest around 9:40 p.m. on the corner of 21st Street and 41st Avenue, according to police.

He was pronounced dead at Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens. Police are investigating the death, but no arrests had been made as of Sunday. **METRO/JG**

News in brief

## Barclays Center big draw for LIRR riders

**BROOKLYN** Long Island Rail Road ridership to and from Brooklyn's Atlantic Terminal has surged 334 percent since the opening of the Barclays Center in September, with the LIRR now carrying an average of 3,300 new customers on event nights, according to a recent report by the MTA.

"Barclays Center has been every bit the draw we had anticipated it would be, creating a whole new customer stream for the LIRR," said LIRR President Helena Williams.

According to Williams, the biggest night so far was the 4,852 arriving riders and 5,377 departing riders served by the LIRR on Dec. 11, the night the Brooklyn Nets hosted the New York Knicks for the first time. **METRO/AH**

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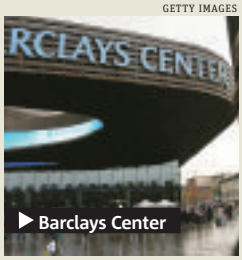


▶ Barclays Center

**Spring.** Groundhogs

▶ The groundhog, Staten Island Chuck, predicted an early spring this year.

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## Chuck not jumping at his shadow this year

**Staten Island Chuck, the groundhog, did not see his shadow on Feb. 2 at the Staten Island Zoo, forecasting an early spring for the city. Mayor Michael Bloomberg didn't attend this year; instead Council Speaker Christine Quinn went in his place.** **METRO**

News in brief

## Photo released of suspect in brutal robbery

**MANHATTAN** NYPD released a photo yesterday of a man connected to a brutal robbery in Washington Heights last month.

According to the NYPD, a 16-year-old male entered a laundromat at 1004 Saint Nicholas Ave. and started a conversation with the employee and then spit in his face.

A physical altercation ensued, and the suspect stole the worker's wallet when the victim fell to the ground.

Anyone with information can Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS. **METRO**

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## Rapist strikes near Brooklyn College

Police are searching for a man who allegedly raped and robbed a 22-year-old woman a block away from Brooklyn College early on Saturday morning.

The suspect, described as 5-foot-7 with a bald head, was last seen wearing a New York Yankees hat. He forced the woman into an alleyway near the corner of E. 27th Street and Glenwood Road, according to police.

He then allegedly raped the young woman and then removed her personal property. Police are still investigating the case. JESSE GREENSPAN

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News in brief

## Police searching for missing Queens man

The NYPD is searching for a missing Astoria resident last seen on Jan. 30.

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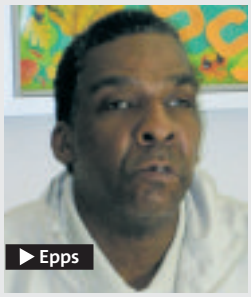

Epps

Tyrone Epps, 50, was wearing blue and white sneakers, blue jeans, a tan jacket and a red winter hat at the time of his disappearance. Police describe him as 6-foot-2 and 220 pounds.

Anyone with info. about Epps whereabouts is urged to call 800-577-TIPS. METRO/JG

**Thumbs-up from the HRC**

**Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin endorsed City Council Speaker Christine Quinn for mayor at The 2013 Greater New York HRC Campaign Gala at The Waldorf Astoria on Feb. 2, 2013, in New York.**

HRC is a group that works for gay, bisexual and transgender equal rights. HRC invested more than $1 million in the campaign for marriage equality in New York State. METRO

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"Whether ... keeping teachers in the classroom, balancing budgets ... or ensuring that all New Yorkers, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation are treated equally, my No. 1 priority has been — and always will be — the people of New York," said Quinn at the Gala.


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# Super Bowl ads face off on Facebook in online brand battle

A stolen prom kiss, smooching models and speeding showgirls were competing for online fans through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube yesterday when the Baltimore Ravens took on the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl.

The stakes are high for the championship football game's advertising sponsors.

Internet companies are taking on the role of referee, measuring viewers' votes, searches and sentiments in an attempt to declare a winner among the Super Bowl sponsors.

The game, played in New Orleans and aired on CBS, drew major marketers like Coca-Cola Co. and Volkswagen AG, as well as lesser-known brands like Wonderful Pistachios and Gildan Activewear. BlackBerry, struggling to rehabilitate its faltering brand, advertised for the first time in the Super Bowl, promoting the long-awaited Z10 smartphone ahead of its U.S. release in March.

Many advertisers started streaming their Super Bowl spots ahead of the game to draw a bigger audience, both online and on television.

"You're more likely to remember the brand on the Super Bowl day if you saw the ad beforehand," said Lucas Watson, vice president of advertising at YouTube, owned by Google Inc. **BLOOMBERG**

FACEBOOK

▶ Coca-Cola's Facebook wall is ready for the Super Bowl.

## Online marketing frenzy

Some advertisers crafted contests ahead of the game to draw in more viewers.

Carmaker Audi, owned by Volkswagen, created three different endings to an ad featuring a male prom partier who heads to the dance alone. Viewers voted for the ending where he surprised the prom queen with a welcome kiss and drew a black eye from her official date.

Coca-Cola, one of the biggest Super Bowl sponsors, also held an online poll on an ending to a commercial. Unlike Audi, its voting was designed to continue through the game itself. The ad showed three groups — cowboys, showgirls and "badlanders," — racing across a desert to reach a bottle of Coke.

PepsiCo, also a perennial Super Bowl advertiser, held an online competition to see which fan-made commercial for Doritos should air during the game.

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**Super Bowl advertisers spent as much as $133,333 per second for 30 seconds of airtime, a record sum marketers say is justified by the expected repeat viewings on the Internet.**

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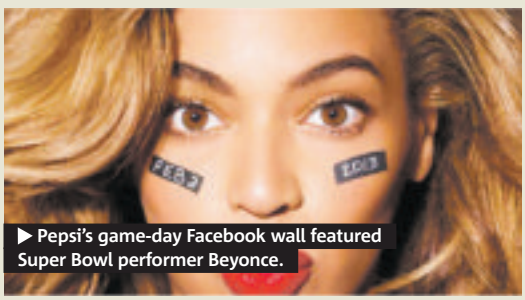
**Ads released before the game typically generate more than 9.1 million online views, versus 1.3 million for those appearing on the Web the day of the game, according to a YouTube executive.**

## Climbing rates

Companies paid CBS an average of $3.75 million for 30-second Super Bowl spots, up 7.1 percent from a year earlier, the most expensive ad rate in U.S. media, according to WPP Plc.'s Kantar Media, an industry research firm. Rates for Super Bowl spots have climbed about 60 percent over the past decade, showing how much marketers value the chance to reach the largest TV audience. Last year's game had 78 commercials and produced ad sales of $262.5 million, according to Kantar Media. Super Bowl sponsors get a 20 percent increase in traffic on their websites on the day of the game, and the audience remains higher than average the next week, according to an Adobe Systems Inc. analysis. **BLOOMBERG**



▶ Pepsi's game-day Facebook wall featured Super Bowl performer Beyonce.

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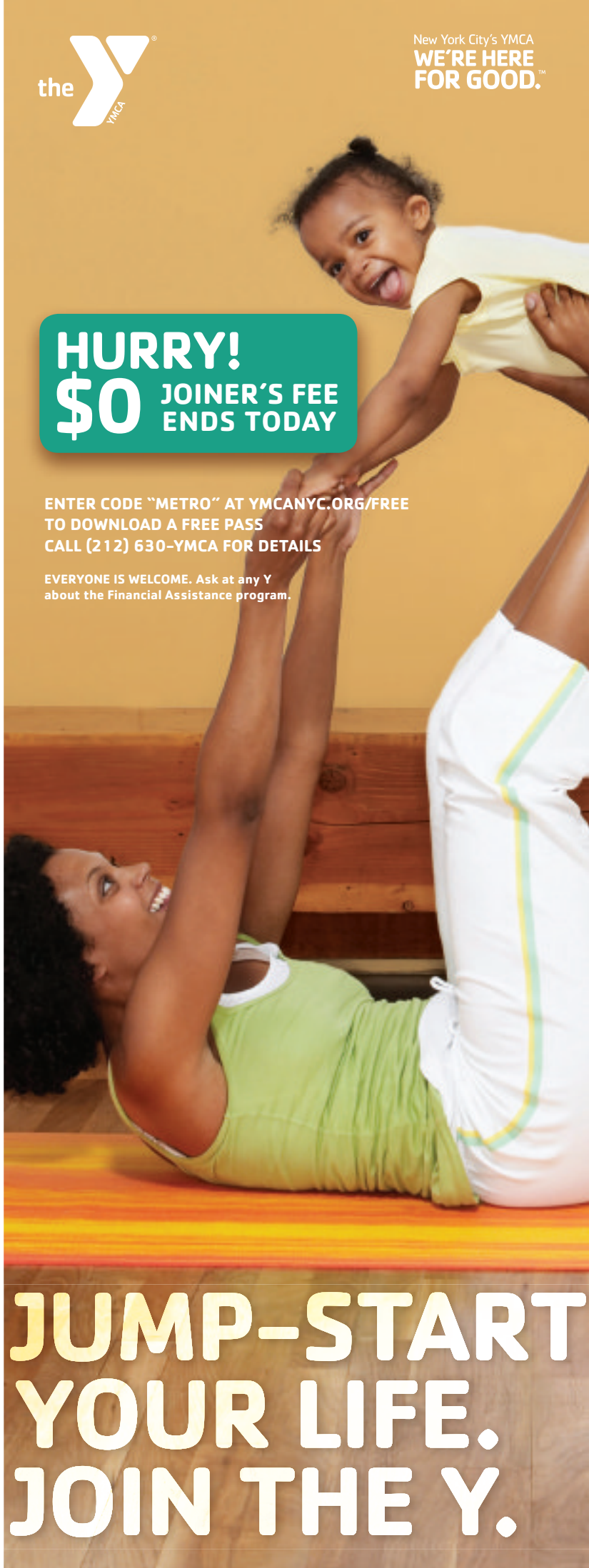
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## In the news

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▶ Punxsutawney Phil

### Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring

**PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.** Punxsutawney Phil, America's most famous groundhog, emerged from his burrow on Saturday to the glare of cameras and the cheers of thousands of spectators, offering his annual weather prognostication: An early spring is coming.

According to legend, if the rodent emerges from his hole and sees his shadow, six more weeks of freezing temperatures and snow are on the way.

This year, however, Phil did not see his shadow, meaning an early spring should be expected.

**REUTERS**

### 'Sniper' author killed in Texas

**DALLAS.** The man accused of gunning down former U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, a prominent military sniper, and a second man at a Texas shooting range was arraigned on two counts of capital murder yesterday.

Eddie Ray Routh, 25, was accused of killing Kyle, 38, and Chad Littlefield, 35, a neighbor of Kyle, at the Rough Creek Lodge, about 50 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

"They were shot at close range," police said.

Kyle is one of America's deadliest snipers after killing 160 people during his career as a U.S. Navy SEAL sniper.

He wrote the book "American Sniper" about his military service.

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**Get ready for new, scientifically fortified ways to increase happiness and productivity. In a 2004 TED lecture, Harvard psychologist Dan Gilbert described a shocking study, saying, "A year after losing the use of their legs and a year after winning the lotto, lottery winners and paraplegics are equally happy with their lives."**

Studies find that three months after a perceived life-changing event, with a few exceptions, happiness remains unchanged. Most assumptions of what will make us happy are wrong. Shawn Achor, CEO of Good Think Inc., summarizes a nearly universal business and parenting strategy: "If I work harder, I'll be more successful. And if I'm more successful, then I'll be happier." But here's the catch: "Every time your brain has a success, you just change the goalpost of what success looked like. You got a good job, now you have to get a better job. ... If happiness is on the opposite side of success, your brain never gets there."

However, Achor's studies found a happy brain is 31 percent more productive than a negative, neutral or stressed brain. Therefore happiness facilitates success, not the other way around. One powerful path to a positive state comes from something called the Tetris effect.

When a person plays Tetris too long, his or her brain unintentionally and habitually scans for shapes in the surrounding world. Achor's method uses the same concept to train your brain to automatically recognize positive patterns. First, write down three new things you are grateful for from the last 24 hours. Second, record a recent positive experience. This will cause your prefrontal cortex to relive it.

Good observations and memories automatically release dopamine to activate learning centers and increase productivity. After 21 days, your brain will habitually recognize positive patterns, similar to the way a Tetris addict sees shapes. MRIs reveal this habit literally grows positive emotion processing areas while shrinking negative processing areas in the brain.

Nobody understands the endless complexity of happiness, but if you try this two-minute trick even once, your dopamine receptors will thank you and you could potentially experience more long-term happiness than from winning the lottery.

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# Reid, Panetta, Dempsey defend Hagel nomination

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, the Senate Democratic leader and the top U.S. military officer rallied behind Chuck Hagel yesterday after President Barack Obama's choice for Pentagon chief endured a rocky confirmation hearing, with Panetta faulting critics for wielding their "political knives."

"This was eight hours," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said, referring to Thursday's confirmation hearing in which Hagel faced tough questions from Republicans on his past statements on Israel, Iran and U.S. nuclear strategy.

"Give the guy a break. I thought he did pretty good," Reid told the ABC program "This Week."

Hagel, if confirmed, would take over at the Pentagon with automatic defense spending cuts due to kick in on March 1 and with U.S. officials debating how many — if any — troops should remain in Afghanistan after combat troops withdraw in 2014.

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▶ Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, left, and Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff appear in a pre-taped interview on "Meet the Press."

Hagel's nomination appears likely to clear its first hurdle — approval by the Senate Armed Services Committee — on a straight party-line vote. The earliest that vote could come is Thursday.

Republicans hammered Hagel when he appeared before the committee, with some of the fiercest questioning coming from lawmakers who had served alongside him during his two terms as a Republican senator from Nebraska.

"It's pretty obvious that the political knives were out for Chuck Hagel," Panetta told "Meet the Press."

"What disappointed me is that ... they talked a lot about past quotes, but what about what a secretary of defense is confronting today?" Panetta, preparing to step down as U.S. defense chief, added. **REUTERS**

**Quoted**

**"It's pretty obvious that the political knives were out for Chuck Hagel."**

**PANETTA TOLD NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS"**

## In the news

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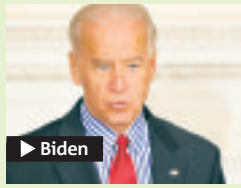


▶ Biden

### Biden raises prospect of direct Iran, US talks

**MUNICH.** The United States is ready for direct talks with Iran if it is serious about negotiations, Vice President Joe Biden said at the weekend, backing bilateral contact many see as crucial to easing a dispute over Tehran's nuclear program.

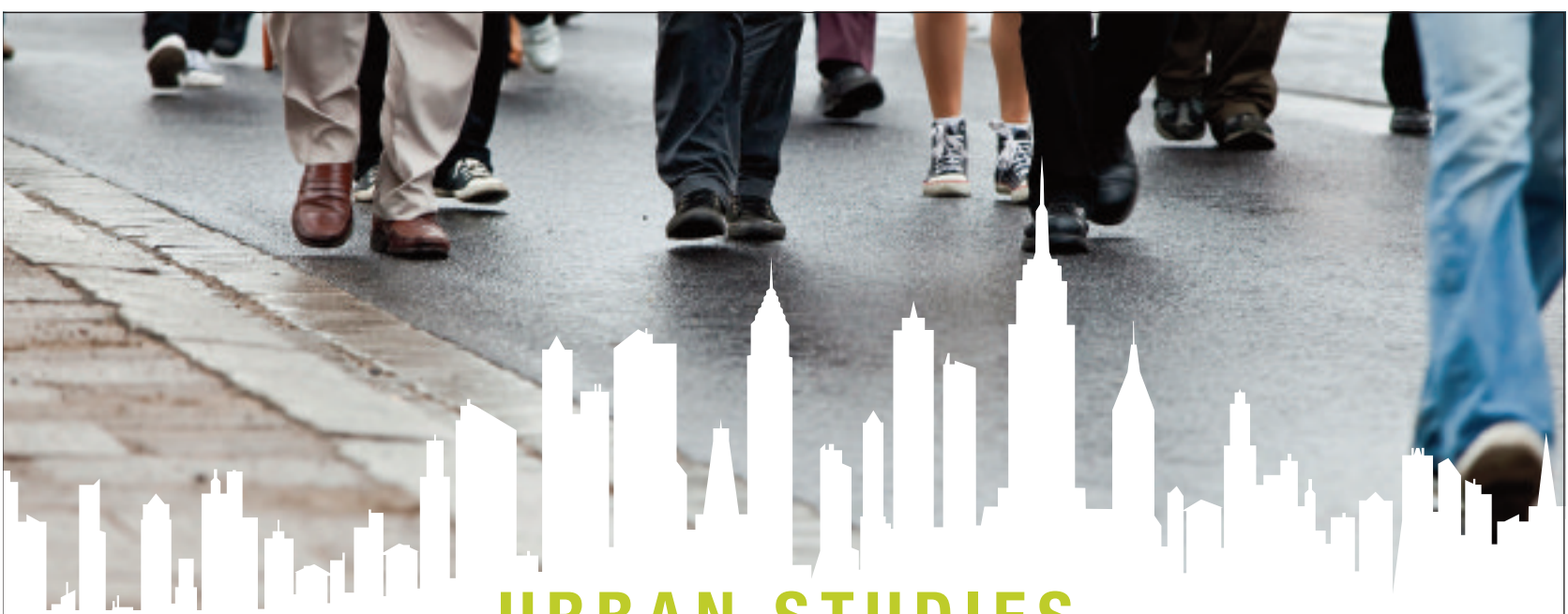
Speaking at a security conference in Munich, Biden said Iran — which says it is enriching uranium for peaceful energy only — now faced "the most robust sanctions in history" meant to ensure it does not develop nuclear weapons. **REUTERS**

### US didn't need to use 'rough interrogation' to find bin Laden

**WASHINGTON.** Leon Panetta, who as CIA director oversaw the U.S. operation that killed al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, said the job could have been done without resorting to controversial interrogation methods that some have said constitute torture.

The outgoing defense secretary, in remarks aired yesterday on the NBC program "Meet the Press," said there had been many pieces to the "puzzle" solved to find bin Laden, who was held responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

"Yes, some of it came from some of the tactics that were used at that time — interrogation tactics that were used," said Panetta. **REUTERS**

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## In the news

### The Tyler Clementi Center opening at Rutgers University

The parents of Tyler Clementi, the college student who committed suicide after learning his roommate filmed his romantic encounter, and New Jersey's Rutgers University have jointly set up a research center for vulnerable youth that will open on Monday.

The Tyler Clementi Center at Rutgers will offer lectures and training on subjects such as cyberbullying and youth suicide, particularly among gays and lesbians, Rutgers said.

The center will also offer programs to ease the transition from home to college and serve as a resource for youth advocates and policy makers.

Clementi, 18, jumped from the George Washington Bridge in September 2010, days after learning that his roommate Dharun Ravi had used a webcam to snoop on him kissing a man. Ravi, who was not charged in Clementi's death, was convicted of bias crimes and served 20 days of a 30-day sentence.

The center is a joint effort of Rutgers and the Tyler Clementi Foundation, formed by Tyler's parents, Joseph and Jane Clementi.

It will be dedicated on Monday at Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J. **REUTERS**

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▶ Above, Clementi is remembered in 2010. Now his memorial will be a center for vulnerable youth.

# College enrollment drops for the first time in 15 years, study says

## Demographic gaps and state budget cuts make it less likely for students to go to college

Just over a month ago, the National Center for Education Statistics released some surprising data: College enrollments were down for the first time in 15 years, prompting a debate over higher education in the U.S.

Michael Reilly is the executive director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He represents the people on the front lines of the enrollment issue, and he says it was no surprise to the 11 thousand members of the AACRAO.

**Why was there a decline?**
Any admissions person could have told you this would happen seven years ago.

We knew we would have peak high school graduates around 2010, then see a drop. Some of this is just demographics — a cycle of the population — but it's complex. Diversity in our high schools is increasing, but there are enormous gaps in the U.S. between racial and ethnic groups in college preparedness. State budget cuts likely contributed, and a big chunk of the decline may be due to the for-profit sector. They've been under more scrutiny over low graduation rates and other issues.

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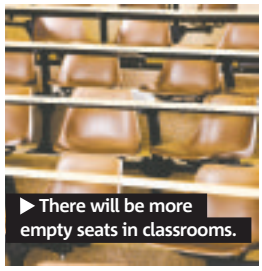

▶ There will be more empty seats in classrooms.

**Could this be a larger trend?**
The NCES predicts we will see increases, but this downturn will last for a few years. Some states, particularly in the Northeast, will likely not rebound. The South and the West will probably bounce back faster.

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### By the numbers

**How much did enrollments go down?**

- From 2010 to 2011, they went from 18.65 million to 18.62.
- We don't have numbers on 2012 yet. While that's not a huge decline, it's the first decrease in 15 years.


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Today, Kirstie Alley may need to adjust her television's settings, Judd Apatow is feeling a little homesick and Steve Martin is not a football fan.

**@kirstiealley**
my TV makes everyone look fat! What the hell?? everyone looks like a walking "wall" ..Oy Vey

**@JuddApatow**
I am in England. So the Super Bowl is on at what time? On what channel? And I watch it with who? This does not seem as fun.

**@SteveMartinToGo**
The Super Bowl reminds me of a pagan contest where a human head is kicked around between commercials.

Steve Martin

## Holmes on the scene

Don't worry about the newly single **Katie Holmes** and how she'll spend her Valentine's Day. The actress also popped up at the promotional Godiva event to pick up some gifts for her mother and aunt — who came with the stage and screen star — as well as **Suri** (who wasn't there).

Holmes said that her Valentine's Day tradition includes making red pancakes — her mother made them for her when she was a child, and she wants to continue on this tradition with Suri. Sorry, **Tom.**

Katie Holmes

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# Cannon shares his love tips with you

▶ To enter Godiva's "Share the Love" Valentine's Day Sweepstakes, go to www.godiva.com and upload a picture of you and your valentine for a chance to win prizes.

Valentine's Day isn't the only time when **Nick Cannon** and **Mariah Carey** celebrate their love. Cannon admitted to Metro that the 30th of every month is their "I Love You Day" and that they view that day as their monthly anniversary. "No matter where we are in the world, even if we're not together, we still send flowers and balloons and chocolates," said the "America's Got Talent" host, who popped by the Godiva boutique at Rockefeller Center in New York on Thursday night to launch the chocolatier's "Share the Love" Valentine's Day sweepstakes and take photos with fans.

Considering they are known romantics (they renew their wedding vows every year), we asked for his advice on how to make the holiday memorable. "Do something that's cute and funny that can make them smile," says Cannon. But what about the rest of us who might not be as cute and funny as Cannon? "The more thoughtful you can be, that shows effort," he advises. "If you're going to do flowers, find out that person's favorite and figure out the arrangement yourself."

*— Reporting by Bria Mariette*

## Making it work

Due to hectic schedules, with Carey in Los Angeles filming for "American Idol" and Cannon relaunching his popular show "Wild 'n Out" on MTV2, Cannon admits it gets difficult not being able to see his lady whenever he wants. "Tonight is date night," he mentioned (don't worry, he took chocolate home to her). "It's one of those things where you have to plan it because we're both so busy. She comes through or I'll go to the set of 'Idol' just to make sure we have time to be with each other."

## Talking points

### Cruz is pregnant for second time

**Penelope Cruz** is reportedly pregnant with her second child, according to E! News. The Spanish actress is "around three months" along, sources say, and is thrilled to be pregnant at the same time as her sister, Monica Cruz. Penelope is currently vacationing with husband **Javier Bardem** on **Johnny Depp**'s private Caribbean island. The couple already has a 2-year-old son, Leo.

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▶ Cruz

### Kidman says she has never had Botox

Despite numerous reports to the contrary, **Nicole Kidman** insists she's never indulged in plastic surgery. "No surgery for me," she tells Italian newspaper La Repubblica. "I did try Botox, unfortunately, but I got out of it and now I can finally move my face again." So how does the Australian actress keep her face looking the way it does? "I wear sunscreen, I don't smoke and I take care of myself, and I am proud to say that," she proclaimed. "Anybody can do anything to themselves — I don't judge — but personally, I believe in being physically fit."

### Ocean decides to be the bigger man

**Frank Ocean** has decided not to press charges against **Chris Brown** after their brawl outside a Los Angeles recording studio last week, he revealed in a post to his Tumblr blog. "As a child I thought if someone jumped me it would result in me murdering or mutilating a man. But as a man I am not a killer, I'm an artist and a modern person," Ocean writes. "I'll choose sanity. No criminal charges. No civil lawsuit. Forgiveness, albeit difficult, is wisdom. Peace, albeit trite, is what I want in my short life."

## Celebrities out and about over the weekend

**1:** Eat your heart out, haters: **Beyonce** performed the national anthem at the Pepsi Super Bowl XLVII Halftime Show Press Conference at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center on Thursday in New Orleans.

**2:** Is it us, or did **Snoop** get old overnight? Here he is with **Ian Somerhalder** (we're not sure why) at DIRECTV'S 7th annual Celebrity Beach Bowl on Saturday in New Orleans.

**3: Josh Groban** had a laugh at a TimesTalk event promoting his new album, "All That Echoes," on Friday in NYC.

**4:** Arguably the most famous director of our time, **Steven Spielberg** attended Saturday's Directors Guild of America Awards, where he lost to Ben Affleck.

**5:** You rock that puppy bag, **Quvenzhane Wallis**: The "Beasts of the Southern Wild" breakout star was also at the Directors Guild Of America Awards on Saturday.

**6:** Someone, **Tom Arnold** hung out with a bunch of Maxim models at the magazine's Super Bowl party on Saturday in New Orleans.

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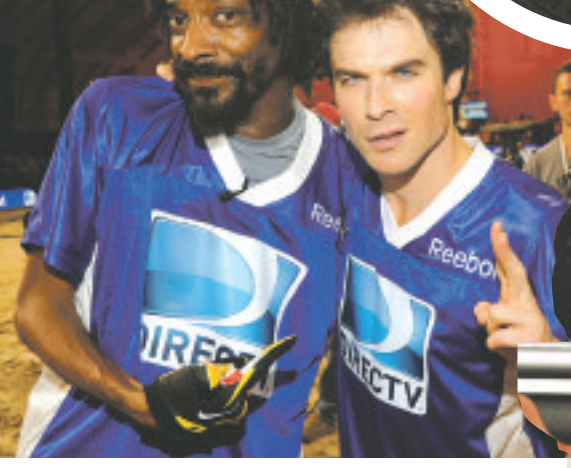

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# Paul Giamatti wants to do you a favor

**That's why he helped bring the wacky sci-fi film 'John Dies at the End' to the screen**

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Paul Giamatti plays an inquiring journalist in "John Dies at the End" which is available for download on iTunes now.

Most people think of Paul Giamatti's characters as tightly-wound fussbudgets with sweaty palms. Paul Giamatti the actor, however, is quite a different story. As we meet to discuss the latest film that he both acted in and produced, Giamatti is every bit the relaxed, engaging, professorial type. But his taste in movies runs contrary to that appearance. "John Dies at the End" ("JDATE" for short) is a project he chose to produce. Based on the exploits of two young men who have a run-in with a street drug dubbed "soy sauce," the story — originally a novel by David Wong — spans the space-time continuum and involves a monster made of meats, as well as a demon who calls himself S—load. Clearly, this is not your average studio picture. We asked the award-winning actor to explain his choice of film to produce.

**I never realized you were a sci-fi fan.**

I do like stuff like that, yeah. I like horror stuff like that. ["John Dies At The End"] is totally like a Philip K. Dick book. I think it's better than most of the movies they make from his books. This seems more like one of his books than a lot of the things they do. Those things shouldn't be all glossy with movie stars in them. They take a lot of the weirdness out because they don't want people to be weirded out by it. But what's the point to doing it, then?

**What's the difference between movies you're interested in acting in and ones you're interested in producing?**

I don't get as many weird scripts to act in that I would like, so maybe I do get to executive produce weirder stuff.

**By getting such a niche film made, it almost seems like you're trying to do film a favor.**

[Laughs] That's what my whole career is about. I'd love to do film a favor with my presence onscreen. I think of it as a big favor to the world of film. The couple of movies that I have been a part of producing have all been things that were really weird and probably wouldn't have been made if I hadn't given it some push.

**Q&A**

**This was a tiny budget movie, but the special effects are great.**

Well, [director Don Coscarelli] knows a lot of these guys — the prosthetic stuff and the monsters. He knows really good guys who do this stuff, and they did a lot of it for free I think because they like him so much.

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# Teresa Palmer in zombie love

## The self-described 'Chatterbox' and Aussie actress discusses what it's like to star in a zom-rom-com and why Kylie Minogue still hasn't made it big in the US

Teresa Palmer, star of "Warm Bodies," isn't one to shy away from a challenge, whether it's romancing a nonverbal zombie (Nicholas Hoult) or handling a shotgun. But we found one particularly daunting challenge for the Australian actress: explaining why Aussie pop star Kylie Minogue hasn't caught on in the U.S. like she has around the world.

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▶ "Warm Bodies" is in theaters now.

**What's it like to take on a romantic comedy role where you do all the heavy lifting, dialogue-wise?**
I know. [Laughs] At first I was very intimidated by that, but actually my nickname when I was a little girl was Chatterbox because I do a hell of a lot of talking, so it seemed to fit my character. I thought it would be a huge challenge, having to express myself verbally so often, so frequently, without getting any words spoken back to me apart from the odd groan or moan. But Nicholas Hoult is such a talented actor that I really felt like he was saying so much without talking.

**And now you're doing press, a situation where you have to do lots of talking.**
Yeah! [Laughs] Well it suits me good, I'll just talk away.

**How do you think you'd fare in a zombie apocalypse? And how often has this question come up?**
I'm not going to lie, it's come up a lot. But it's a good question. I think I would be good. I've had all the training. I know how to shoot a shotgun. I've got my weapons training down pat. I can channel my inner Number Six from "I am Number Four" — she's a little warrior. I work out a lot. So I would use those skills to figure out how to combat the zombies in the apocalypse. I think it would be fun.

**Quoted**

**"I've got my weapons training down pat. ... I work out a lot. So I would use those skills to figure out how to combat the zombies in the apocalypse. I think it would be fun."** PALMER

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**Q&A**

**Random question because you're Australian: Why do you think Kylie Minogue has never really caught on in the States?**
I don't know the ins and outs of what that is. She is so unique in Australia — her sound, her way, her vibrancy, her spirit — and in the U.K., I think she kind of stands alone. In America there are many artists trying to do her similar thing. Like, in Australia she's the big fish in the small pond, and then you come out to America and there's so many more millions and millions of people and just way more competition.

**Would you say it's similar as an actress coming from Australia to the States?**
It's almost more competitive in Australia because there are far fewer projects and many, many, many talented actors all vying for these rolls. We maybe only make 10 movies a year — and five of them are decent.

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# Getting schooled on 'Elementary'

## With a post-Super Bowl time slot, CBS's hit show was up to the task of entertaining football fans Creator Rob Doherty tells us what we can expect during the rest of the first season

CBS's hit "Elementary" — a modern take on Sherlock Holmes set in New York City — took the coveted post-Super Bowl slot last night, an honor rarely bestowed on a freshman series. On the tail of such a high-profile unveiling, creator and executive producer Rob Doherty gives us some updates on what's to come for the rest of the series' first season.

**That post-Super Bowl slot didn't add that much extra stress:** "I'm stressed out all the time anyway. So it's hard to go from 10 to 11," says Doherty. "You know, mostly what we felt was great excitement. It's an honor; it's a privilege; it's an incredible opportunity to expose the show to people who may not have checked it out yet. And so we tried to take all that into consideration as we developed the story. We felt not only that it was a good example of what the show can do, but something that our regular audience would really have fun with as well."

**Sherlock's arch-enemy Moriarty is indeed coming:** "We cannot wait to get more serious about Moriarty," Doherty admits. "In this day and age, it's virtually impossible to stunt a role and not have everyone in the universe know that this person is coming and will be revealed as this character. So we're approaching it very carefully and as quietly as we can."

**When Moriarty does arrive, the show becomes less murder-of-the-week:** "I foresee us getting a bit more serialized than we have been as we get into something of an end run for this first season," explains Doherty. "We'll still look to have a case that begins and ends over the course of a single hour of television. But you want to dollop Moriarty out appropriately, you know? Some of the specifics still need to be ironed out — but yes, as we get closer and closer to wrapping the season there will be a bit more serialization."

**Moriarty aside, more figures from Sherlock's past are on the horizon:** "At the moment, we're actually working on an episode where we will meet Sherlock's [drug] dealer from London," Doherty teases. "We'll get, again, a little window into Sherlock, and his experience in London is going to open that much wider for having met this character."

CBS

▶ Sherlock (Jonny Lee Miller) tries to find out who kidnapped the adult daughter of his friend and ex-drug dealer, with the help of Watson (Lucy Liu), on "Elementary" on Thursday at 10 p.m.

### Lucy Liu knows what her critics are thinking

Since it was announced that Lucy Liu would be co-starring as Watson on "Elementary," the actress has faced a surprising amount of criticism over the idea of portraying the classic character as a woman. Liu has her own theories about what the haters are trying to say.

"I try to stay off of the Internet altogether," Liu says. "But I think more so it would be interesting that people haven't criticized that Watson is Asian-American, because it's not PC. ... They'd love to say something about that, but they'll get attacked."

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That blank stare earned lots of box office dollars over the weekend.

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# 'Warm Bodies' heats up the box office

## Box office

"Warm Bodies," a romantic comedy featuring a warm-hearted zombie, lured teenage girls to the theater, collecting $20 million in ticket sales in the U.S. and Canada to take the box office title on a weekend dominated by Super Bowl parties and football watching.

Playing in more than 3,000 theaters, the od pairing of a pale-faced zombie with his breathing girlfriend faced little competition among new films and easily mauled last weekend's winner "Hansel and Gretel," an updated version of the classic fairy tale with witch-hunting siblings. The film collected $9.2 million this weekend, according to studio estimates.

The weekend's other widely released newcomer, Warner Brothers' "Bullet to the Head," starring 66-year old Sylvester Stallone as a tattooed hitman, collected $4.5 million for sixth place.

Two weeks earlier, another aging action star, Arnold Schwarzenegger had a feeble opening in his own shoot-'em-up, "The Last Stand."

Based on a first-time novel by Seattle writer Isaac Marion, "Warm Bodies" was produced for a little more than $30 million by Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment, the studio that also produced the mega-blockbuster "Twilight" series.

The film stars Nicholas Hoult as the pale, stiff-walking zombie R, one of the few zombies capable of thought in a plague-ravaged world.

"We were above expectations going into the holiday weekend," says David Spitz, Lionsgate's executive vice president and general sales manager.

Spitz predicted that the film would benefit from the upcoming long weekend in the U.S. that coincides with Valentine's Day and Presidents Day. **REUTERS**

### Top 5 earners

1. **"Warm Bodies,"** $20 million
2. **"Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters,"** $9.2 million
3. **"Silver Lings Playbook,"** $8.1 million
4. **"Mama,"** $6.7 million
5. **"Zero Dark Thirty,"** $5.3 million

## TV watch list

### 'How I Met Your Mother'

**COMEDY.** Robin's past life as tween star Robin Sparkles resurfaces, complete with an all-new musical number. These long-running jokes almost justify the fact that future-Ted Mosby has been telling his children the same story for eight years with no mother in sight. **8 p.m., CBS**

CBS

"Robin Sparkles" makes a re-appearance on "How I Met Your Mother" tonight.

### 'The Bachelor'

**REALITY.** In Part I of a two-part special event, insurance agent Sean journeys with 11 would-be fiances to Whitefish, Mont. Watch Sean romance a bevy of competitors alongside all of the drama that forms the foundation of a lasting romantic relationship. **8 p.m., ABC**

### 'Extreme Smuggling'

**REALITY.** The illegal weapons trade takes center stage for the finale of this series about the networks that provide illicit items to the people desperate for them. **Season finale, 8 p.m., Discovery** NATALIE SHURE

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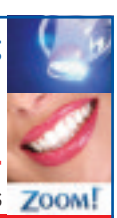

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## For on-the-go snacking

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It's time for us to redirect our focus off of what we need to achieve and instead shift to how we need to serve.

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Activist Eve Ensler and her movement, V-Day, refuse to stand by as women experience this amount of violence. Instead, they invite you to rise up and demand an end to violence — and dance.

The late dancer Gabrielle Roth once said, "Dance is the fastest, most direct route to the truth." On Feb. 14, join activists in over 178 countries and stage a rising in your community, office, college or school for a global dance party. Organize a flash mob at a landmark, in the streets or in a mall. Have a dance party, produce a theatrical event, march in the streets, protest, strike, dance and above all, rise!

As Burmese activist San Suu Kyi has said, "When you're feeling helpless, help someone." Use this event as an opportunity to get out of your own way, be a part of a global movement and take a stand. For more about this powerful cause, visit www.one billionrising.org.

*— **Gabrielle Bernstein** is the author of "Spirit Junkie."*

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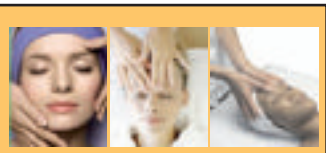

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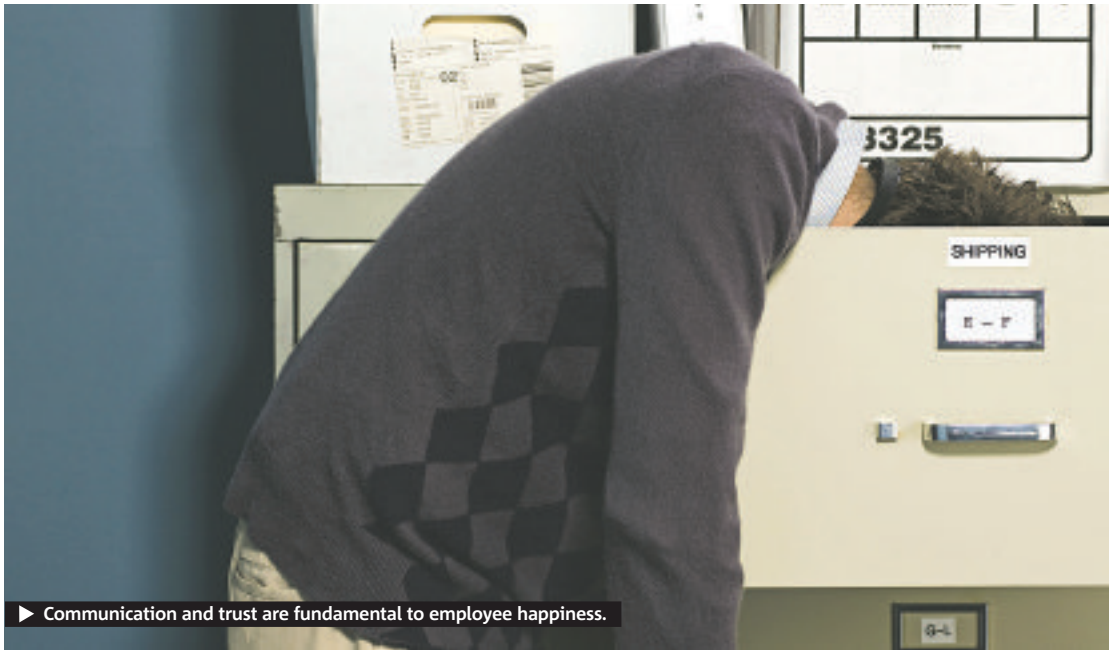


Communication and trust are fundamental to employee happiness.

## Know the signs of a disengaged employee — and solve the problem before it's too late

There's a difference between an employee with the Monday blahs and one who is continuously unhappy and disengaged. Not only should employers be able to spot the difference, they should know how to reverse the problem before it's too late.

**Sign: Distrust of management**

"If you find that your employees trust politicians more than your senior management, you have a problem," says Morgan Norman, founder and CEO of WorkSimple. This can lead to poor productivity. "If employees aren't trusting," he adds, "they won't put themselves into their work."

*Solution: Cultivate a culture of trust*

When you provide a safety net for your workers, they are more apt to try new ideas and produce better results. Show them that you believe in their work.

**Sign: Long lunches and increased absences**

If you notice an employee who can barely show up for work, you are likely seeing someone who is not interested. "This may be a sign that someone is using the time for job interviews," warns Christine Endres, Branch Manager for Robert Half International in Philadelphia.

*Solution: Reevaluate this person's work*

Could this be a matter of someone who is simply overworked and underappreciated? Are they getting the recognition that they fairly deserve? "Failure to recognize employee achievements, excessive workloads for long periods of time and fear of job loss can negatively impact employee morale," says Endres. Take action and communicate before you risk losing a dedicated worker.

**The burnout blues**

**Sign: Low energy level**

Have an employee who drags his or her feet day in and day out? "While it may be unrelated to the workplace, a change in attitude could be indicative of an ominous burnout," says Amanda Augustine of career website TheLadders.

*Solution: Talk it out*

This person may need of a better work-life balance. "When you understand what matters most to your employee, then you can understand what can be done to improve their level of satisfaction," Augustine adds. Listening and allowing the person to speak freely can certainly be an asset in this sort of situation.

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## Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** No matter how strong the urge, don't attempt to impose on any clique where experience tells you that you won't be welcome. Turn to true friends only.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't despair if you face tribulation, because even weighty matters can be worked out. If you remember to think positively, you'll be able to take your challenges in stride.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Before opening your mouth, stop and count to 10 if you find yourself in a conflict of opinion with another party. Only when you're calm should you venture to talk things out.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although it might not live up to your fullest hopes, something profitable could develop from a situation engineered by a friend. Be happy with what you get.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't think you have to stick to a particular procedure because of tradition when an associate has what could prove to be a better idea. Be flexible.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you happen to make a few mistakes at the start of a project, instead of panicking you should stop and catch your breath. Most problems are more easily rectified than you realize.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even if conditions initially look as if they are going against you, don't freak out. Surprising twists could occur, enabling you to snatch success from the jaws of defeat.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Trying too hard to get the approval of your peers can work against you. However, if you relax and just be yourself you will easily gain the endorsement you're seeking.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Be smart and downplay some advice given to you by a well-intentioned friend. You're better equipped to evaluate certain personal matters than he or she is.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Some periodic, extravagant inclinations could be stirring within you, and need to be checked as soon as possible. Enjoy yourself, but do so as inexpensively as possible.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Provided you treat all of your friends equally, this could be a rather pleasant day. If you show any partiality, however, it might not be so hot.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Wishing won't make problematic matters disappear. Serious issues must not be treated with indifference, especially if they involve others.

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**Across**
1 Fashions
6 Weakness
10 Auto-supplies store
14 Watchful
15 "— never fly"
16 French airport
17 Dupe
18 Tender cutlets
19 Ground corn
20 Earth's star
21 Clan leader
23 Craze
24 Polish a poem
26 Four-door model
27 Film on copper
29 Shaman's quests
31 Cow-headed goddess
32 Double agents
33 Travel on powder
36 Kind of milkshake (2 wds.)
40 Mammoth Cave loc.
41 Ms. Carpenter
42 Skin an apple
43 Beyond zealous
44 Soothsayers
46 Gulls' perches
48 Hurdy-gurdy
49 Lightbulb units
50 Shinbone
52 City conveyance
55 Thin Man's pooch
56 Enjoy a banquet
57 First P.M. of India
59 Proofer's word
60 Gross
61 Blockheads
62 Dog owner's shout
63 "The — the limit!"
64 To date (2 wds.)

**Down**
1 Curiosity's planet
2 Margarine
3 Consumption
4 Goof up
5 Hot, perhaps
6 Graphic
7 Cato's road
8 Wearing something
9 Pipe fitting
10 Bedouins, e.g.
11 Boxing locale
12 Grassland
13 Jean Auel heroine
22 Santa — winds
23 High-IQ group
25 Diverse grp.
26 Come off as
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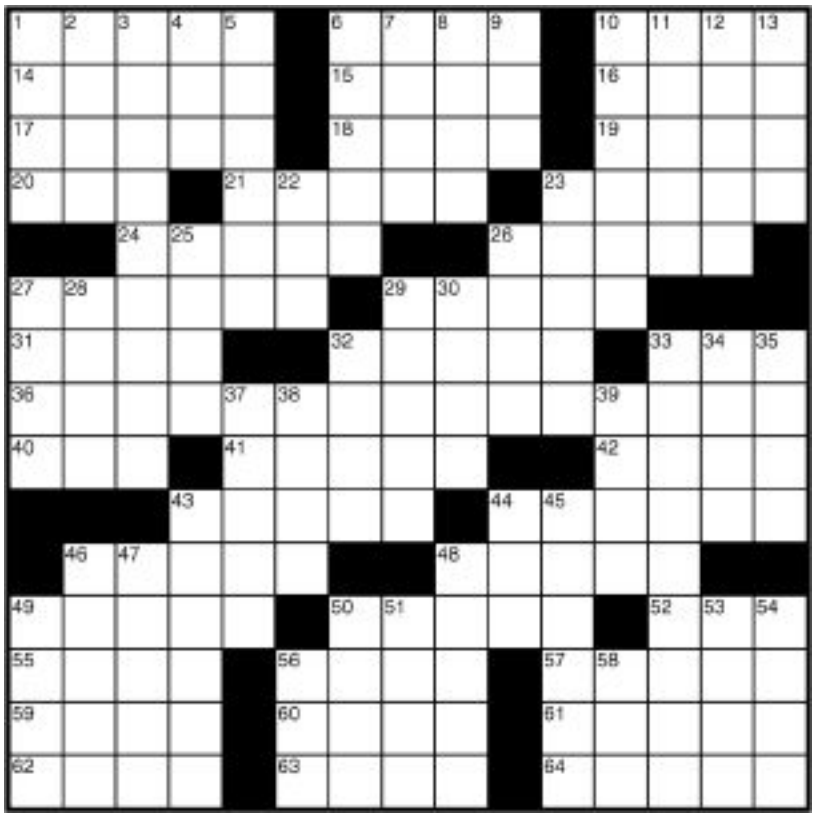

## Letters

### You can't just vote violence out of office

**RE: "MILITIA: NOT JUST YOU, YOUR BUDDIES AND YOUR SHOTGUNS" (METRO, FEB. 1-3)** A defining characteristic of our age is the art of context-dropping, at which letter writer Jon Melick is quite astute. His argument relies on reading the Second Amendment in isolation and completely ignoring the fact that the entire context and premise of the Bill of Rights was to protect the individual from the tyranny of the government /collective and not the other way around. In the Bill of Rights' proper context, the individual rights of citizens cannot be voted away by the collective. To think that a group of people can vote away the rights of others is extremely paternalistic and becoming of someone who actively avoids or has never learned the concept of rights. The fact that the citizens could possibly rise up and overthrow the tyranny of the government is irrelevant minutia that evades this principle. This insight aside, the gun control debate addresses symptoms rather than causes as guns are a tool and not the source of the issue. The argument that guns hurt people is logically akin to saying spoons made me fat. As much as people would like to be able to legislate out violence, it cannot be done. Violence can only be thwarted by individuals accepting that force is not an appropriate means to deal with individuals in a civilized society. This is a philosophical issue and requires a change in values. **MARCUS DEFOREST, VIA E-MAIL**

### It's how, not just how long, that makes sitting bad

**RE: "GET UP, STAND UP" (METRO, JAN. 30)** Bio-mechanically, yes, sitting for long periods of time without breaks does harm. However, HOW one sits is just (or more) important. If you are living your life with unconscious, unnecessary tension patterns, you will bring that compression to any exercise you do — in a chair or not. This will make things worse. This is why activities like bouncing into a stretch and sit-ups have been declaimed by reputable physical therapists for 30 years. Your awareness of what your muscular homeostasis is comes before an exercise regime. Otherwise, you might make things worse. **REBECCA POOLE, VIA E-MAIL**

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## Baltimore runs out to 28-6 lead Holds on late to take second title in franchise history Flacco throws three TDs, named MVP

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Super Bowl XLVII MVP Joe Flacco congratulates teammate Ray Lewis after the victory.

The 49ers came to play. They just waited until it was too late.

Instead, the Ravens held on in the fourth quarter and won Super Bowl XLVII, 34-31.

After running out to a 21-6 halftime lead — and a second-half opening kickoff return touchdown — Baltimore appeared to be cruising to their second title in franchise history.

But Colin Kaepernick and the 49ers just needed to take a little breather courtesy of about a 40-minute power outage in the Superdome.

Kaepernick led the 49ers on three straight scoring drives in the third quarter — coming out of the power delay — to claw back to 28-23 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Ravens put through a field goal to stretch it back out to an eight-point lead, but Kaepernick literally ran his team back into contention. He took it in from 15 yards out for a touchdown, but a failed two-point conversion and a Ravens field goal left San Francisco with one drive left, trailing by five points.

The Ravens defense — led by Ray Lewis and Ed Reed — came up with one final stop to win the game. Kaepernick rolled out on fourth-and-goal, but missed Michael Crabtree in the right side of the end zone. San Francisco head coach Jim Harbaugh's pleas for a holding call went unanswered.

In the end it was Flacco, soon-to-be a very rich free agent at the end of the season, who took the Most Valuable Player award. He threw for 287 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

**7** Total tackles (four unassisted) for Ray Lewis in what he has said will be his final game in the NFL

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## News in brief

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Tebow

### Report: Jets to explore trading Tebow

**NFL.** Jets fans will have to live with Tim Tebow on their roster for at least a little longer than they might like.

ESPN reports the team will not release Tebow prior to the beginning of the trade window on March 12, and will hope to unload him after that day. The problem for the Jets is that there doesn't appear to be much of a trade market for the quarterback. New Jaguars GM David Caldwell said last month that he "can't imagine a scenario" in which his team would trade for Tebow.

He would likely command only a mid- to late-round draft pick. If released, the cap hit would be about $3 million. METRO

### Cruz, Nicks tied up in contract talks

**NFL.** One player who will be a free agent when the new league year begins is Giants receiver Victor Cruz.

Talk began heating up this weekend as Giants owner John Mara said the team would like to re-sign the fan favorite, "but there is a limit."

Cruz is coming off a Pro Bowl season with 86 catches for 1,092 yards and 10 touchdowns. He had 86 catches and 1,536 yards in 2011, when he was named second-team All-Pro.

ESPN reports, however, that the Giants may be more focused on re-signing Hakeem Nicks, who still has one year left on his deal. METRO

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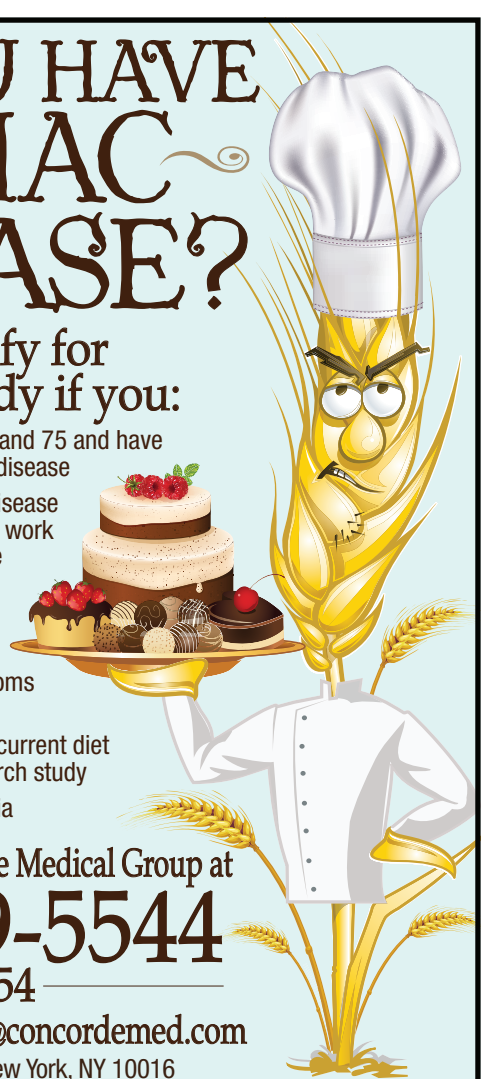

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# Devils pile on late in rivalry win over Isles

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▶ Johan Hedberg, left, is congratulated by starter Martin Brodeur after his 22nd career shutout.

Simply put, it was a superlative penalty killing performance by the Devils on Super Bowl Sunday.

New Jersey's 3-0 matinee win over the Islanders at Nassau Coliseum was marked by a perfect seven-for-seven effort against the NHL's best power play.

"What killed us basically the last game [a 5-4 loss to the Islanders Thursday] was the power play," Devils head coach Pete DeBoer said. "We tightened up defensively and the big difference was the penalty kill. I thought defensively, at home the other day, we were fine five-on-five and they ate us alive on the power play. So we fixed that."

The Devils clogged the middle of the ice and challenged the Islanders' shooters, who only managed five shots on seven power plays. By comparison, the Devils had three short-handed shots.

"We can't get too frustrated. We had our opportunities on our power play," Islanders head coach Jack Capuano said. "[The Devils] came a little bit more aggressive I thought."

Steve Bernier scored twice in a 50-second span of the third period to give the Devils a 2-0 lead. David Clarkson potted an empty-netter with 22 seconds left to salt away the Devils' first win in five games (1-1-3). Johan Hedberg made 22 saves as he earned his 22nd career shutout.

"That's depth. You need it. It's a long season especially in the grind of the schedule that we're in the middle of right now," DeBoer said. "You need contributions from all kinds of different people."

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## Local notebook

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▶ Capuano

**The Islanders — despite a loss to the Devils yesterday — have started out surprisingly strong this season.**

- **Head coach Jack Capuano attributed** the strong start to increased leadership in the dressing room.
- "We have some guys who have been around now. They have to take ownership. We're going to hold them accountable as coaches but within that room, there has to be accountability," Capuano said.

**After a strong start the Devils are 1-1-3 in their last five games.**

- **The overriding element of the slide has been an inability** to keep the puck out of their own net, as the Devils have been outscored 16-12, including yesterday's 3-0 shutout.
- **"We have to get back to playing to our identity.** Having said that ... we didn't play a good game in Pittsburgh. The Islander game at home we did some good stuff," head coach Peter DeBoer said. "Boston might have been our best game, two games ago. METRO/DG

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